



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to Coach Joe
4 Newton, the 2005 York Community High School Boy's Cross Country
5 Team, and the entire York Community High School on winning the
6 IHSA Class AA Boys State Championship Title; and

7 WHEREAS, The Dukes' Cross Country team won its 25th State
8 championship in 44 years under Coach Joseph Newton's guidance;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, We congratulate Coach Joe Newton on his fourth
11 straight State championship for a total of 25 championship
12 titles as the coach of the York Community High School Cross
13 Country team; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Newton's expertise has created a first class
15 cross country program at York; and

16 WHEREAS, We thank Assistant Coach Charlie Kern for his
17 dedication and commitment to the York Boys Cross Country team;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The Dukes' overall score of 49 led them to
20 victory; and

21 WHEREAS, The Duke's have won a record 25 State championship
22 titles, a feat no high school athletic team in any sport has
23 ever accomplished in Illinois high school history; and

24 WHEREAS, This record accomplishment shows how the
25 combination of superior coaching, talent, and hard work can
26 produce a record setting team; and

27 WHEREAS, During the State meet Eric Dettman finished fifth,

1 Matt Dettman in seventh place, Mike Fry in fifteenth place, Tom
2 Achtein in seventeenth place, David Montgomery in twenty-fifth
3 place, Nick Kuczvara in twenty-sixth place, and Tim Jung in
4 110th place; and

5 WHEREAS, The Dukes' championship cross country team also
6 included Mike Edwards, Chris Lopez, Mark Sulkin, Steve Sulkin,
7 Mike Rizzo, Rojin Thomas, Doug Herrera, Ron Stefani, and Lionel
8 Montenegro; and

9 WHEREAS, Also supporting the Dukes drive for victory were
10 Ed Bush, Joey Salveggio, Max McClintock, and Mike Schulte, the
11 team managers; and

12 WHEREAS, We recognize the commitment of the Athletic
13 Director Rob Wagner and the Athletic Department as well as the
14 entire York Community High School in their dedication to train
15 and educate superior athletes and well-rounded students; and

16 WHEREAS, These runners have made countless scarifies to
17 succeed in their goal of winning a fourth straight Cross
18 Country State Championship; and

19 WHEREAS, The York Community High School, the Elmhurst
20 community, friends, and families are proud of these fine young
21 athletes; and

22 WHEREAS, This title represents the dedication and team
23 unity these young men have shown all season; and

24 WHEREAS, We recognize the talent of these young athletes
25 and their coaches; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we do hereby offer our congratulations to Coach Joe Newton and

1 the members of the York Community High School Boys Cross
2 Country Team on their 25th State Championship Title; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Coach Joe Newton, Superintendent Dr. Joel Morris,
6 Principal Diana Smith, Athletic Director Rob Wagner, Assistant
7 Coach Charlie Kern, York Community High School, and the members
8 of the 2005 Class AA Cross Country Championship team.